

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Representative examples of said ~~dieters~~diethers are 2-methyl-2-isopropyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2,2-diisobutyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-cyclopentyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-isoamyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, and 9,9-bis(methoxymethyl)fluorene.

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ABSTRACT

A polyolefin composition ~~suitable for preparing films and sheets~~, comprising:

- (A) from 15 to 40% by weight of a crystalline copolymer of propylene with at least one alpha-olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR^1$, where R^1 is H or a C_{2-8} linear or branched alkyl, containing at least 90% by weight of propylene, ~~having solubility in xylene at room temperature lower than 15% by weight~~;
- (B) from 60 to 85% by weight of an elastomeric fraction comprising:
- (1) a copolymer of propylene with ethylene, ~~optionally containing 0.5 to 5% by weight of a diene~~, containing from 20 to 35% by weight ethylene, ~~and having solubility in xylene at room temperature greater than 45% by weight~~, the intrinsic viscosity of the xylene soluble fraction ranging from 1.0 to 3.0 dl/g; and
 - (2) a copolymer of ethylene with at least one alpha-olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR^2$, where R^2 is a C_{2-8} linear or branched alkyl, ~~optionally containing 0.5 to 5% by weight of a diene~~, containing 15% to 40% by weight alpha-olefin, ~~and having solubility in xylene at room temperature greater than 35% by weight~~, the intrinsic viscosity of the xylene soluble fraction ranging from 1.0 to 3.0 dl/g;

the (1)/(2) weight ratio ranging from 1:5 to 5:1.

~~The polyolefin composition of the invention, preferably prepared by sequential polymerization in at least three stages, has a flexural modulus lower than 130 MPa, Shore D hardness lower than 40, and MFR \geq 1.5 g/10min.~~